

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3664**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Chiaki HAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3664

Application No.: 10/815,765

Examiner: R. MANCHO

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Docket No.: 119332

For: VEHICLE BRAKING CONTROL DEVICE FOR BRAKING FORCE DISTRIBUTION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 10, 2008 Office Action, and after entry of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Watanabe, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0185913. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 calls for a controller that is configured to execute a braking force distribution control, wherein braking force on the front wheels during execution of the braking force distribution control is increased, where a braking force increment on the front wheel is determined based upon an increment of the braking action by the driver detected by the detector; however, when execution of the anti-skid control for either of the front wheels is started during